



State of California – The Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Bolsa Chica State Beach Multi-Use Trail; Entrance and Exit Road Asphalt Repairs

**LOCATION:** Bolsa Chica State Beach

**COUNTY:** Orange County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

This project aims to complete the following work: Removal of all sand and weed debris; the removal and replacement of deteriorated asphalt concrete; the preparation of subgrade; grind and overlay asphalt concrete, slurry seal and repaint, re-stripe and re-stencil all parking stripes and pavement markings as existing to the multi-use trail, entrance and exit roads located at Bolsa Chica State Beach to support continued maintenance and use.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**EXEMPT STATUS:**


- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption  
☒ Categorical Exemption

**Class:** 1 **Section:** 15301 – Existing Facilities

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impacts to the environment are anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. The project is exempt under CEQA §15301, existing facilities, road sealing/repair of existing surface.

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## DEPARTMENTAL LIST OF ACTIVITIES REQUIRING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BUT EXCLUDED FROM DPR 183 REVIEW

In accordance with CCR §15300.4, the following is a list of activities that this Department commonly carries out, which would, in most cases, not require completion of a DPR 183, (Project Evaluation Form or PEF) or full specialist review to determine that the project is exempt from CEQA, per CCR §15061(c)(2). It should be noted that, while these activities are usually exempt, there are exceptions due to the location of a project or specific project elements, or the presence of sensitive resources (CCR § 15300.2). An activity or project is exempt from CEQA if: 1) it is exempt by statute, 2) it is categorically exempt, per CCR §15300 et seq., 3) it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity or project would have a significant effect on the environment, or 4) the project has been rejected or disapproved. [CCR §15061(b)]

Exclusion from CEQA requirements does not, in itself, alleviate the need for review of the proposed project under Public Resources Code 5024.5. If such review is required, the DPR 183 process must be followed instead. Therefore, early consultation with the appropriate cultural resource specialist(s) is recommended to determine if a PRC 5024 review is required. Buildings, structures, and facilities should be considered potentially historic if constructed more than 45 years before proposed start date of project. Monitoring of all ground-disturbing activities by the appropriate Departmental qualified cultural resource specialist(s) will be automatically required for all projects without a PRC 5024 review. In all cases, the Department's decision to exclude these projects from our standard environmental review process does not, in itself, relieve an activity from PRC 5024 review or compliance with local, state, or federal permitting requirements.

A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed for projects qualifying as exempt, as identified in this list and PRC 5024 (if appropriate). A DPR 183 is not required for these projects. The statute of limitations for a legal challenge of the Department's decision to file an NOE based on this streamlined review process is 35 days from the date the NOE is filed with the State Clearinghouse.

### Class 1, Section 15301 - Existing Facilities

Class 1 encompasses the routine operation, repair, and maintenance of structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and topography, with no significant change in capacity or use.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A prescribed burn plan on a site that meets the following conditions: 1) Requires no subsurface ground disturbance, 2) Was burned within the last 15 years, and 3) Has a written cultural survey with clearance that was initiated and completed after the initial burn.
- Road sealing / repairs of existing surface.
- Exterior maintenance / repair of non-historic structures, including painting in the same or compatible color(s).
- Replacement of underground utilities within existing trench.
- Trail maintenance within existing footprint, with work completed outside periods identified to protect sensitive species or habitat; dates must be specified. Work must be done or monitored by Department staff or qualified contract personnel. If work is done by volunteers, resource protection training must be included in scope of project.
- Removal of individual members or populations of wildlife or plants that pose an imminent danger to visitors or park resources (e.g., pests or exotic plants). No species identified as a federal or state threatened, endangered, or species of special concern may be impacted by these projects. Monitoring by a Department-qualified biologist, botanist, or resource ecologist is required.

### Class 2, Section 15302 - Replacement or Reconstruction

Class 2 encompasses the replacement or reconstruction of existing facility systems and small, non-historic structures within the existing footprint and with no change in purpose, capacity, or use.

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